

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 959

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Odell Binkley, Jr.  
upon receiving the 2004 Donelson Station  
Senior Award.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to specially recognize those admirable Tennesseans who have risen to great heights in their chosen professions and who have contributed their time and resources in service to their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated resident of our State is Mr. Odell Binkley, Jr., who was recently announced as the recipient of the Donelson Station Senior Award which will be presented on March 11, 2004, during the Star Spangled Salute; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson Station Senior Award is an honor bestowed upon those esteemed individuals who have provided outstanding service and support to the community and to Donelson Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, establishing himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Binkley is a strong supporter of many charitable organizations, including the Donelson Senior Center, St. Jude Hospital, Big Brothers of Nashville, The Salvation Army, and Relay for Life; recently, he created the C&D Landfill ministries, which helps area youth groups; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Binkley is described as having an "enthusiasm and love of the Donelson Senior Center" which has helped "to make the Senior Center fundraising efforts successful," according to Donelson Senior Center Executive Director Jane Schnelle; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by the administration, staff, volunteers, and patrons of the Donelson Senior Center, Mr. Binkley has come to the aid of the Center many times; he generously contributed his finances, talent, and time to help with the Annual Labor Day Barbecue after learning of the difficulties the Center had encountered with the event; and

WHEREAS, through his unparalleled efforts to better his community and being ever-mindful of the needs of others, Mr. Binkley epitomizes the Volunteer spirit that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this truly outstanding individual who is leading a life of purpose and devotion to others that is a model for all to applaud and respectfully acknowledge; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend Odell Binkley, Jr. upon receiving the 2004 Donelson Station Senior Award, applaud his dedicated service to the citizens of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.